

## INFANTILE PARALYSIS FAKE CURES

DR. JOHN W. DUKE, COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, SAYS FAKE CURES ARE OFFERED.

The people of Oklahoma should be on their guard against "fake" infantile paralysis "cures" which have begun to make their way on the market. As might be expected, these so-called cures have been most numerous in New York City, where the epidemic has been worst. But the disease has naturally caused apprehension among parents in all sections of the country, and it is to be expected that efforts will be made to take advantage of these natural fears to sell the "cures" in question. There is just one thing to be firmly remembered in this connection—each and every medicine advertised to cure or avert infantile paralysis is a fraud. The best that can be expected is that the purchaser is throwing away his money for something harmless. There is only too much chance that these preparations, by interfering with the proper treatment of a case, may do actual harm.

Dr. Flexner, of the Rockefeller Institute, many other experts, the foremost scientists and physicians of the country have been concentrating their attention on infantile paralysis. They have made some progress. There is reason for hoping that more will be made. But so far they have absolutely failed to discover any cure for the disease, or any medicine or treatment which will certainly avert it. When the most skillful and experienced physicians in the country or world have failed to find a cure, it is absurd to suppose that some manufacturer of patent medicines has succeeded.

### The School Question.

While some parents may feel apprehension over sending their children to the schools, which are soon to open, it can be conservatively stated that there is no ground for such a feeling in Oklahoma. The total number of

cases of infantile paralysis in this state has been less than one to each 100,000 population. These cases have been widely separated. In no case has there been the slightest approach to an epidemic. In fact the greatest number of cases occurring in any given county was two. Moreover, the disease does not appear to have been strongly infectious. Precautions have been taken by the State Board of Health against the spread of the disease, as well as against possible infection from other states. In New York City, Newark, N. J., and other places in that immediate vicinity, the authorities may find the school problem a puzzling one. It is not so in Oklahoma.

The people of Oklahoma may be assured that no attempt will be made to conceal facts nor to keep away from them the knowledge of actual conditions. The state board of health has discouraged the spreading of exaggerations and unfounded rumors liable to cause unnecessary public alarm. It has not made, nor will it make any effort to conceal real conditions or danger. Should there be any cause for apprehension the people of Oklahoma will be promptly informed. So far there has been no real cause, nor any community in the state in which it would be unsafe for children to attend school as usual.

### Fall Typhoid Precautions.

Autumn is the time of year when special precautions should be taken against typhoid fever. The best precautions of course which can be taken is to be inoculated against it and many physicians are advising this course. Typhoid inoculation is comparatively mild in its effects. It does not cause any serious indisposition and even the slight discomfort which may result lasts for only a short time. There is no longer any question as to the good results of typhoid inoculation. It has been tried on a tremendous scale.

In war huge bodies of men are concentrated under conditions that are bound to be insanitary. The difficulties of getting a pure water supply for an army, especially an army in the field, are insuperable. For centuries typhoid has been the great scourge of armies. The losses from it almost invariably have exceeded those inflicted by an enemy. Yet in the present European war, the greatest conflict in history, fought under extremely unsanitary conditions, typhoid is practically unknown. The reason is that the armies have been inoculated. The experience of the United

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States army has been the same, typhoid having been practically eliminated.

Every person not inoculated should take the utmost precautions at this time of year to be certain of the purity of his water supply. Typhoid is one of the scourges of this country. Even if recovery is made, it means a long and serious illness. It is much too serious a disease to take any chances with.

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### BROADENING ITS USEFULNESS.

Central State Normal Opens Its Corporation Campaign.

Edmond, Okla., Aug. 30.—Central Normal school is beginning extension work on a large scale with the opening of this school year. Prof. Fred H. Ives, head of the department of agriculture here, will spend much of his time in assisting rural teachers in central Oklahoma to solve their many problems.

The agricultural teaching in many rural schools is poorly given because the teacher has too much other work to do. Prof. Ives expects to assist teachers in planning their agricultural work for the best results, organizing and managing boys' and girls' agricultural clubs, and developing other community service needed.

The agricultural teaching will be extended to the farm homes through the work of the school children in the crop growing and livestock raising projects of the agricultural clubs, the gardening and home canning work, dairy cow testing associations, poultry, capon, and egg marketing improvement, and other special work concerning farm seeds, field work and livestock management according to season.

The rural teacher will also be assisted in securing playground apparatus, school grounds improvement, domestic science equipment, educational entertainments for winter nights, good roads improvement, district fairs, and other lines of community service.

The typical rural schools of this district will be visited by parties of Central Normal students for observation and study of teaching methods under actual rural conditions. In this way these rural schools will be training schools for Central's students.

It is believed that this work, added to that of the county demonstration agents, will mean much for the improvement of agricultural education and the development of community co-operation among our people on the farms.

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And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts

But only how did you take it?  
You are beaten to earth; well, what's that?

Come up with a smiling face—  
It's nothing against you to fall down flat;

But to lie there—that's the disgrace.  
The harder you're thrown, why, the higher you bounce;

Be proud of your blackened eye!  
It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts,

It's did you fight and why?  
—"Hartshorn Roller," in Good Lines.

Agent Held Up and Robbed.  
Tulsa, Aug. 30.—Held up by a masked man near Dawson Saturday

night, J. D. Bennett was robbed of \$7.50, which he had in his pockets, and then he was bound and gagged and tied to a tree at the side of the road. A handkerchief was stuffed in his mouth and a strong cord was used to hold this in place. Then the hands of the victim were tied behind him and he was left alone with the stars.

Chewing his way through the handkerchief he managed after a time to attract the attention of a neighbor who came to his rescue and then a search began for the robber. The sheriff was called to the scene, but no trace of the men who committed the robbery could be found.

Bennet was on his way home from work late in the evening when the hold up occurred. He was acting as temporary agent for the Frisco railroad at Garnet station.

### LEAVES FRIDAY FOR MEMPHIS.

T. L. Smith Has Been Called There By P. P. Kearney.

T. L. Smith will leave here Friday for Memphis, Tenn., where he will be associated with P. P. Kearney, who moved from here to that city some months ago to engage in the sale of automobiles. Mr. Kearney has met with a quick response on the part of Tennessee people, and he must add more men to his force and has made a proposition to Mr. Smith that is so inviting that he cannot resist. Mr. Smith's family will not move from here now but in case his work becomes as permanent and as lucrative as he has a right to expect, his family will in time join him there.

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